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Klein Describes Dodd's Intervention

With West Germans

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NEW YORK—Public relations man Julius Klein said today that when he learned Sen. Thomas Dodd, D-Conn., was going to West Germany in 1964, "I asked him to speak up for me" because the headlines were "snowballing" there.

Klein, a registered agent for West German business interests, said he had been hurt by a 1963 hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on foreign agents.

Klein is scheduled to appear Tuesday before the Senate Ethics Committee investigating charges against Dodd.

"I knew he was making the trip," Klein said in an interview. "At the same time I asked him to speak up for me in West Germany." He added:

"I wrote every member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and asked if they would be good enough to explain that I was not tried, convicted or criticized by the committee—only by Sen. Fulbright (J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., the chairman). When I found out Senator Dodd was leaving, I asked him if he would do the same. The headlines were snowballing over there."

The Ethics Committee is investigating charges by columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson that Dodd made the trip to West Germany in 1964 to help Klein retain his clients.

When Dodd testified before the committee June 27, he denied making the trip in

Klein's behalf. The senator said he was conducting an investigation for the Senate Internal Security subcommittee and sought to help Klein only as a side benefit.

Klein, 64, stocky and owlish, chain-smoked cigars in a white holder as he answered questions about his relationship with Dodd.

The wall of his office in his suite in the Essex House held numerous pictures of Klein with famous personages—Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and others.

As Klein discussed the Dodd case, his wife came into the office and held up a brown, fringed piece of cloth, about the size of a place mat. "This is the famous Persian rug," she said.

She was referring to allegations that Klein had given Dodd a Persian rug. Dodd testified at the hearings in Washington that the rug was a \$2 place mat that accompanied a Christmas card from the Kleins in 1964.

Here are Klein's answers to other questions in the interview:

Q. Have you ever done any favors for Senator Dodd? Or any other congressman?

A. Senator Dodd has stayed in my suite in the Essex House in New York. He was my guest. This apartment is rented by the year. If I'm not here it's available to my friends. Senator Dodd paid for his own services here. He made his telephone calls collect. This is my second



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Julius Klein talks to a reporter in his suite in New York.

home. I have a right to have anybody in my home I like.

Q. Have you ever given Senator Dodd any money or any gifts of value?

A. I have never given Sen.

Dodd any gifts of value. I have contributed to his campaign committees from the day he ran for Congress to the day he ran for the Senate. That goes for every other

congressman. I've never given any of them a gift. As an old Republican I have made campaign contributions to congressmen whose positions I support.

Q. It has been alleged that in several letters you used strong language to protest the fact that Dodd did not attend the 1963 Foreign Relations Committee hearings. Is that correct?

A. Well, I was disappointed that Senator Dodd was not there. Being a Republican I had hoped a Democrat would be there. I didn't want any Republicans coming to my defense—it would look like politics. Afterwards, Senator Dodd wrote a letter to Senator Fulbright in which he outlined and clarified my position. He told Senator Fulbright what he thought about me and asked that the record be set straight. Senator Fulbright said this letter was too late to be included. It has never been released publicly. It would have done me a lot of good.

Q. Have you ever furnished material to Senator Dodd with the request that he present it on the Senate floor or have it inserted into the Congressional Record? To your knowledge, has he ever done so?

A. I have sent him material to be inserted into the Congressional Record, yes, sir. And to many other senators also, which I have a right to, not only as a citizen, but as a registered agent for foreign interests. I sent material to a lot of Senators—I still do.

Q. There has been testimony that the letters Senator

Dodd wrote to Dr. Ludger Westrick, the West German state secretary, were identical to ones drafted by you. Did you draft such letters for Senator Dodd?

A. I was in his office when this letter arrived from Dr. Westrick. It was in German and I immediately translated it. He wanted to answer right away. I said, "Listen, Tom, I know the mentality of the Germans. Let me answer that letter." Yes, sir, I drafted that letter. I returned to my Chicago office and sent him a suggested draft. If Senator Dodd hadn't liked what I wrote he could have thrown it into the wastebasket.

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